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REPRESENTATIVE KAMIA BROWN FILES BILL TO PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF CRIME VICTIMS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – State Representative Kamia Brown (D-Orlando) has filed <u>HB 1115</u> to ensure all Floridians are covered under the state statute which finds that it is a public necessity that photographs and video and audio recordings that depict or record the killing of any person be made confidential.

Under the current statute (406.136), photographs or video or audio recording that depict or record the killing of a law enforcement officer who was acting in accordance with his or her official duties are exempt from public record. This bill will amend the statute to cover the killing of any person.

Photographs, video, and audio recordings that depict the killing of any person are highly sensitive. These showings may cause trauma, sorrow, humiliation, or emotional injury to the immediate family of the deceased.

"No family member or friend of a victim of a crime should be forced to endure the pain of having their loved one's death broadcast to the world," said **Representative Kamia Brown**. "The mourning process is difficult enough as it is without having to worry that you will turn on a television or computer and be forced to relive that painful moment. Let's let these families grieve in private with dignity."

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